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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <i>osiaref@si.edu</i>
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Administrative Information

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Access Restriction

Boxes 2-5 contain materials restricted indefinitely; see finding aid. Transferring office; 12/31/08 memorandum, Toda to Kelly; Contact reference staff for details.

Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records which document the various aspects of exhibition development, planning, design and publicity for the exhibition, "Champions of American Sport." This was the first major art exhibit devoted to outstanding American sports personalities and to the aesthetic qualities of sport and human movement. It consisted of over 100 photographs, portraits, and sculptures ranging in date from the 1830s to the 1980s. Materials include correspondence and memoranda; permissions; lender files; research files; black-and-white photographs, transparencies, and negatives; color photographs, transparencies, and negatives; exhibition scripts; and brochures. Some materials are in electronic format.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Art museums.
Art, American
Athletes
Athletics

Exhibitions
Museum exhibits
Portraits, American
Professional sports
Sports
Sports -- History

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white negatives
Black-and-white photographs
Black-and-white transparencies
Brochures
Color negatives
Color photographs
Color transparencies
Compact discs
Manuscripts

Names:

Champions of American Sport (Exhibition) (1981: Washington, D.C.)

Container Listing

Box 1

Organizational Files

General - 2008 Review of Exhibition Files (includes electronic records)

General - Information, 1980-1982

General - Correspondence, 1980-1982, 1988

Audiovisual - General, 1981

Audiovisual - The American Film Institute, 1980-1981

Audiovisual - Dick Young Productions, 1980-1981

Audiovisual - Major League Baseball Productions, 1981

Audiovisual - NFL Films, 1981

Audiovisual - Sherman Grinberg Film Libraries, 1981

Audiovisual - Sportlite Films, 1980-1981

Audiovisual - Home Box Office (HBO), 1982-1983 (3 folders)

Catalog - Distribution, 1981

Catalog - Returned Illustration Permission, 1980

Catalog - Harry Abrams, 1980-1982 (2 folders)

Champions Exhibition Script

Philip Morris, 1980-1981

Labels, 1981

Publicity - General, 1981-1982

Publicity - Carole Sorell, 1980-1982

Tour/Traveling Files

Art Transport, 1981

Box 2

Champions - Other museums requesting show, 1980-1981

Champions - Shipping, 1981-1982

Champions - Trucking/Shipping estimates for tour, 1979-1981

Venue - American Museum of Natural Science - Traveling Exhibition,
1981-1982

Venue - Chicago Historical Society - Traveling Exhibition, 1981-1982

Venue (dropped) - Children's Museum, Indianapolis, 1981

Lender Files

Lender Files (32 folders) [RESTRICTED]

Box 3

Lender Files (59 folders) [RESTRICTED]

Box 4

Lender Files (38 folders) [RESTRICTED]

Box 5

Lender Files (7 folders) [RESTRICTED]

Non-Lender Image Source Files

ACME

AP

Bettman

Culver

INP

Keystone Press Photos

National Archives

Photo World

Sports Illustrated (2 folders)

United Press International (UPI)

Wide World Photos

Research Files by Sport

General research - Sports bibliography

General research - History

General research - Movie posters

Auto racing - General

Auto racing - Indianapolis Speedway poster

Auto racing - Ralph DePalma

Auto racing - A. J. Foyt

Auto racing - Barney Oldfield

Auto racing - Richard Petty

Auto racing - Wilbur Shaw

Box 6

Baseball - General

Baseball - Baseball Immortals: The Photographs of Charles Martin Colon

Baseball - Hank Aaron

Baseball - Roberto Clemente

Baseball - Ty Cobb

Baseball - Joe DiMaggio

Baseball - Lou Gehrig

Baseball - King Kelley ("Slide Kelley Slide")

Baseball - Bill Klem

Baseball - Sandy Koufax

Baseball - Kenesaw Mountain Landis (commissioner)

Baseball - Mickey Mantle

Baseball - Christy Mathewson

Baseball - Willie Mays

Baseball - Satchel Paige

Baseball - Jackie Robinson

Baseball - Babe Ruth

Baseball - Casey Stengel (manager)

Baseball - Ted Williams

Basketball - General

Basketball - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Basketball - Red Auerbach (coach)

Basketball - Wilt Chamberlain

Basketball - Bob Cousy
Basketball - Hank Luisetti
Basketball - George Mikan
Basketball - James Naismith
Basketball - Willis Reed
Basketball - Oscar Robertson
Basketball - Bill Russell
Basketball - John Wooden (college coach)
Bicycling - Bicycle Racing
Bicycling - Six Day Bicycle Race - William L'Engle (Whitney)
Bicycling - Frank L. Kramer (1980's)
Bicycling - Major Taylor
Bicycling - A. A. Zimmerman
Boxing - General
Boxing - Both Members of This Club - George Bellows
Boxing - Boxers by Duane Hanson
Boxing - Muhammad Ali
Boxing - Gentleman Jim Corbett
Boxing - Jack Dempsey
Boxing - Nat Fleisher
Boxing - Jack Johnson
Boxing - Joe Louis
Boxing - Rocky Marciano
Boxing - Tex Rickard (promoter)
Boxing - Sugar Ray Robinson
Boxing - John L. Sullivan (19th century)
Football - General
Football - College Football Hall of Fame
Football - Sammy Baugh

Football - Jim Brown

Football - Walter Camp (19th century)

Football - Red Grange

Football - George Halas

Box 7

Football - Vince Lombardi

Football - Bronko Nagurski

Football - Joe Namath

Football - Knute Rockne

Football - Gale Sayers

Football - O. J. Simpson

Football - Amos Alonso Stagg

Football - Johnny Unitas

Football - Pop Warner

Golf - General

Golf - Patty Berg

Golf - Ben Hogan

Golf - Bobby Jones

Golf - Jack Nicklaus

Golf - Francis Ouimet

Golf - Arnold Palmer

Hockey - General

Hockey - Gordon Howe

Hockey - Bobby Hull

Hockey - Bobby Orr

Horse Racing - General

Horse Racing - New York Racing Association

Horse Racing - Textile/Eclipse vs. Henry Winterthur and Saratoga Springs

Horse Racing - Trotting

Horse Racing - Eddie Arcaro
Horse Racing - August Belmont (owner)
Horse Racing - James Fitzsimmons (trainer)
Horse Racing - Isaac Murphy (19th century)
Horse Racing - Earl Sande
Horse Racing - Willie Shoemaker
Horse Racing - Hiram Woodruff
Polo - General
Polo - Tommy Hitchcock
Rodeo - General
Rodeo - Larry Mahan
Skating - Figure Skating
Skating - Ice Bird (Skater) by R. Tait McKenzie
Skating - Tenley Albright
Skating - Dick Button
Skating - Peggy Fleming
Skating - Jackson Haines (19th century)
Skating - Eric Heiden
Skating - Sonja Henie
Swimming - General
Swimming - Plunger (Swimmer preparing to dive) by R. Tait McKenzie
Swimming - Gertrude Ederle
Swimming - Duke Kahanmouku
Swimming - Mark Spitz
Swimming - Johnny Weismuller
Tennis - General
Tennis - Arthur Ashe
Tennis - Don Budge
Tennis - Pancho Gonzalez

Tennis - Billie Jean King

Tennis - Jack Kramer

Tennis - Helen Wills Moody

Tennis - Bill Tilden

Track and Field - General

Track and Field - Jesse Owens by R. Tait McKenzie

Track and Field - Winner by R. Tait McKenzie

Track and Field - William Jackson (19th century)

Track and Field - Bob Mathias

Track and Field - Jesse Owens

Track and Field - Wilma Rudolph

Track and Field - Jim Ryun

Box 8

Track and Field - Jim Thorpe

Track and Field - Edward Payson Weston (19th century)

Track and Field - Babe Didrikson Zaharias

Yachting - Painting of the Yacht Maria

Yachting - Sailing

Yachting - Emil (Bus) Mosbacher, Jr.

Yachting - Painting of the yacht Maria

Yachting - John Stevens (founder)

Public and Private Collections

Letters to museums describing exhibition, 1979

Jeremy Chisholm (Polo)

Cincinnati Historical Society

Citizens Savings Hall of Fame

Halls of Fame

Barry Halper

Duke Hott

Harris Lewine

Metropolitan Museum of Art

Sports Artists

General

Sports subjects in works of art list, University of Bridgeport

Carl Beetz

Joe Brown

John Steuart Curry

Joseph Golinkin

Robert Handville

Duane Hanson

Peter Helck

Ron Kleeman

Neil Leifer

David Levine

Harris Lewine

R. Tait McKenzie

LeRoy Neiman

Marjorie Phillips

Robert Riggs

Norman Rockwell

Mary Jo Schwalbach

Kendall Shaw

Clemente Spampinato

People and Sports Dropped from the Exhibition

Dropped or refused loan requests

People dropped from show

Hobey Baker

Red Barber

Billiards

Bowling

Bill Bradley

Avery Brundage (organizer)

Don Carter

Maureen Connolly

Jimmy Connors

Howard Cosell

Buster Crabbe

Crew

Chris Evert

Frank Gotch

Bob Hayes

Willie Hoppe

Rafer Johnson

Ed Lewis (The Strangler)

Patty McCormick

Johnny "Blood" McNally

Tom Molyneaux

Archie Moore

Grantland Rice

Glen Roberts (stock car)

Pete Rose/ Reggie Jackson

Gene Tunney

Honus Wagner

Wrestling

Writers, announcers, photographers, and artists

 Folders Dropped from Sports

Cynthia Bronson Altman

Cleveland Museum of Art
Musee du Sport
Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design
Museum of the City of New York
National Maritime Museum
Neue Gallery
Philadelphia Museum of Art
Rhoda Sherbell
Sports Collectors Store
Tennis Hall of Fame
University of Chicago
Columbus Museum of Art
World Golf Hall of Fame